

CLAIMS

What is claimed:

1. A pigment formulation comprising automotive paint and/or ink and a diluent mixed in ratio that results in a formulation demonstrating the following characteristics:
 - a) the formulation absorbs into a net fibre sufficiently so that it will not chip, peel or wear away during the physical or environmental impact of a sporting event;
 - b) the formulation does not bleed through or around the net fibre such that it can be seen from the secondary viewpoint;
 - c) a clear, crisp image is formed that can be seen from the primary viewpoint;
 - d) the formulation does not harm the physical integrity of a net fibre; and
 - e) the formulation does not affect the matrix geometry of the net.
2. A formulation as in claim 1, wherein the ratio of the paint to diluent ranges from 75:25 to 40:60.
3. A formulation as in claim 1, wherein the ratio of the paint to diluent ranges from 55:45 to 45:65.
4. A formulation as in claim 1, wherein the ratio of the paint to diluent ranges from 50:50.
5. A method of application for the pigment formulation of claim 1 comprising the steps of:
 - a) determining the primary and secondary viewpoints for a multi-filamentous net or mesh;
 - b) tracing an outline of an image onto the mesh or net; and
 - c) applying the formulation free-hand with a paint roller having a dense sponge applicator;
6. A method as in claim 3, wherein the step of tracing an outline of an image is conducted using a stencil or mask.
7. A method as in claim 3, wherein the step of tracing an outline of an image is conducted using a projected image.